

# ***Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

City Hall Board Room, 101 Court Street, Frederick

July 12, 2011

7:00 pm

### **Members Present:**

Mr. Ray A. Hunter (At-Large Member).  
Mr. David P. Kaye, Vice Chair (Life Sciences Industry Member)  
Mr. Joseph A. Mangiafico, Sr. (Private-Sector Health Field Member)  
Ms. Beth A. Willis, Chair (At-Large Member)  
The Honorable Karen Young, Alderman (City Representative and Non-voting Member)  
Mr. Peter Herz (At-Large Member)  
Dr. F. Alex Hamill, Secretary (At-Large Member)

### **Members Not Present:**

Mr. Kim R. Loll (First Alternate Member)  
The Honorable David P. Gray (County Representative and Non-voting Member)  
Ms. Roxanne Beal (Second Alternate Member)  
Ms. Cynthia I. Sigler (At-Large Member)

### **Others Present:**

Members of the general public  
Lanessa Hill (Garrison Coordinator)

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- I. Call to Order:** Ms. Beth Willis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Willis advised the meeting is being televised live and available for later viewing on Channel 99 and the Internet on City of Frederick Website.
- II. Roll Call:** Members present introduced themselves.
- III. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the June meeting.
- IV. Open Issues (Old Business)**
  - A. Minute taker:** Alex Hamill.
  - B. Establishment of a regular meeting with the other NIBC:** Lanessa Hill noted that NBAC and NIAID (Mike Jewet, Assoc Director of Program Integration NIAID) proposed August 29<sup>th</sup> or September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30-5pm for the date of the joint meeting with this Committee. Committee members respond within this week of the date preference.
  - C. Status on Request for Information to USAMRIID:** Beth Willis noted that we have received a response and it bears discussion and follow-up actions based on our discussions. Committee received report of USAMRIID mishaps by category 2006-2011.
    - Q: which tornado strength will cause a breach of containment that would cause threat to community. A draft letter draft was supplied to the Committee and approved for sending.
    - Q: what weather conditions would justify and trigger a lab shutdown and securing of all infectious materials.

- Q: It was discussed that we might like to know these details for “all buildings wherein BSL3 and BSL4 pathogens will be worked with”. RESOLVED: Letter will focus on the New USAMRIID rather than expanding it to the other labs and follow up for other labs in later questions.

#### **D. Question regarding the private high containment labs of Frederick County**

Karen Young described that the city and county officials are aware of these labs, including emergency services. Karen Young indicated that the officials and services are involved in disaster planning but NOT in prevention. This was discussed as a potential problem. DLLR and Mental Health & Hygiene (State of Maryland) require registration and file a biosafety plan and biosecurity plan. CDC has access to inspect as well.

- Q: Should understand what regulations and laws under which these private labs are operating.
- Q: Committee objection to the State’s Policy of not disclosing the identity of the privately-owned BSL-3 labs.

#### **E. Report on the Steam Plant and Incinerator:**

- Q: A short summary of the tour should be provided.

### **V. New Business**

**F. The Emergency Responder Forum (June)** yielded good discussion that led to input for the Frequently Asked Questions section of the web site

#### **G. Planning for year-end report**

Year-end report will contain legislative recommendations so needs to be in to the delegates by November. Outline will be completed by Aug, draft completed by Sept, final by Oct.

**H. David Kaye and Beth Willis will co-write a letter of appreciation for Col Robinson.** David will present to her on Friday at the Change of Command.

**I. An analysis of questions submitted by the public** from 2007 to date were broken into categories. A large shift took place between 2007 (majority concerned with EIS) and 2011 (majority concerned with communication, content & quantity).

**J. A comprehensive outline of proposed Frequently Asked Questions** was submitted. Committee discussed approach and agreed to 1) roll out questions over time and identify questions to answer in the short term (next 60 days), medium and longer term, 2) cite information sources with links to more detailed information, 3) make responses brief and clear, 4) send draft responses to lab contacts to obtain feedback on technical accuracy, 5) include an online capability for the public to ask questions on an ongoing basis, and 6) invite public input in announcements.

### **VI Public Comment:** Received from Dat Duthinh and Rolan Clark.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- ☐ – Committee: agree on date for joint meeting with NBAC & NIAID (August 29<sup>th</sup> or September 8<sup>th</sup>)
- ☐ – David Kaye: obtain details of the State-level rules and regulations governing operations at the privately-owned high-containment labs.
- ☐ – Karen Young: Obtain a letter indicating that the State will NOT disclose the identities of the BSL-3s operating outside the Fort. Karen Young will get the written opinion and follow up with getting an Attorney General’s ruling on that decision, and will ask a representative of MDE and DLLR to either attend a Committee meeting or meet with two Committee members.
- ☐ - Pete Herz: prepare a short written report from the tour of the steam sterilization and incineration plant and will include recommendations and questions.

- [] - David and Beth: generate the year-end report outline.
- [] – Beth Willis: generate a letter of appreciation for Col. Robinson.
- [] – the Committee web site on the City of Frederick site will announce the creation of the FAQ site and ask the Citizenry for questions and input.
- [] – Pete Herz: organize input from the Committee regarding the Excel spreadsheet of suggested FAQs. Generate a sample response and recommend “top ten” questions we should all start with. Committee to provide feedback before August meeting

**VI. Adjournment:** Adjourned 9:11pm